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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that **SHANE W. BUTLER**, age 24, of 4585 Casistas, Pass Road, Ventura, California, was sentenced to serve a term of 71 months imprisonment following his conviction for Traveling in Interstate Commerce with Intent to Engage in Sexual Activity with a Minor. **BUTLER** was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,057.40 and to serve a five year term of supervised release after completion of his sentence of incarceration.

BUTLER pleaded guilty to the charge on September 13, 2004.

BUTLER has been in custody since his arrest on March 11, 2004, in San Diego, California, following an extensive six day search for a local teen who had been communicating with **BUTLER** over the Internet. Because the victim is a minor, federal law requires that the details of the offense be protected from public disclosure. In passing sentence, the Court noted the seriousness of the crime, **BUTLER'S** prior criminal history, the need to deter similar criminal conduct, and the need to protect the public.

The case was investigated by the Fairview Heights and San Diego Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Madison County Sheriff's Department, and the San Diego Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Suzanne M. Garrison.